

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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GROWING NEED OF WATER IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to extend new technologies to Karnataka to meet the growing need of water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) Conventional methods of rain water harvesting, construction of dams and minor tanks, restoration of old tanks, water shed management etc. are being practised in the country including in Karnataka to meet the growing needs of water. The revised National Water Policy, 2002 also provides for conservation of resources and augmentation of the availability of water by maximizing retention, eliminating pollution and minimizing losses. Water being a state subject, planning and implementation of the water resources projects is taken up by State Governments themselves. However, the World Bank aided project namely Karnataka Community Based Tank Management Project provides for such conservation measures.